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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant(s) duty of disclosure, the information listed in the attached form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner.

A copy of Foreign Patent FR 2803529 ("FR '529") is enclosed. FR '529 was identified in a EP Search Report of 28 November 2005 which is attached hereto. FR '529 appears to disclose a safety needle having a proximal portion and a distal portion which are angularly disposed.

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listed are submitted in good faith, but are not intended to substitute for the Examiner's search. It is hoped, however, that in addition to apprising the Examiner of these particular items, they will assist in identifying fields of search and in making as full and complete a search as possible.

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The claims of the application as now presented are believed to patentably distinguish over the prior art and to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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